



POLITICS (INTERNATIONAL)

BA (Hons)



ARE YOU STIRLING?



REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1 TEACHING

Staff are good at explaining things-100%. (*National Student Survey 2017*)

2 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

You will develop a range of communication and research skills that will enhance your employability.

3 ACADEMIC SUPPORT

100% of students agreed they got sufficient advice and guidance. (*National Student Survey 2017*)

WHY STUDY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS?

How do major international institutions, issues and ideas shape our societies? International Politics concerns issues of power, alliances, conflict and peace, trade, the role of NGOs and the notion of an international society.

Through your study, you'll gain insight into international decision-making in the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, the World Trade Organisation and others.

More widely, we'll equip you with the kinds of intellectual and analytical skills that are attractive to many employers. Politics graduates are to be found in commerce and industry, as well as the civil service, journalism, law and teaching.

POLITICS – 2ND IN SCOTLAND

National Student Survey 2018

COURSE DETAILS

If you are contemplating a future in the world of politics, then you need to understand issues of power, alliances, conflict and peace, the workings of influential organisations and the processes surrounding international decision making.

Don't worry if this sounds daunting because we can help you. Consistently nominated for prestigious RATE (Recognising Achievements and Teaching Excellence) awards, our Politics staff are highly regarded and students benefit from a strong research-led approach to teaching.

Besides an International Politics dissertation in semesters 7-8, Honours Option Modules are offered in Semesters 5-8 and provide International Politics students with a choice of modules on aspects of international politics such as (among others): Human Rights in International Politics; Global Environmental Politics; Issues in International Politics; and Middle East Politics.

Stirling Politics students make extensive use of the Study Abroad opportunities offered at the University to study for a full semester or a whole academic year at participating universities in Australia, Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan and the United States. The ERASMUS programme is particularly popular and Politics students participate in dedicated Politics ERASMUS exchanges with the University of Gothenburg in Sweden and Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, Poland.

WHY CHOOSE STIRLING?

96% of our undergraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of graduating. (DLHE 2015/16)

“Politics and International Politics were broadly similar courses until the beginning of 3rd year - and I was in two minds as to which I’d like to actually graduate in. That was the beauty of Stirling’s flexible programmes. If through 2nd year I’d have discovered my passions lay more on the international plane, I’d already have completed the necessary requisite modules to complete that transition. Likewise, by sticking with Politics more broadly, I was still able to satisfy my curiosity for more internationally orientated studies. I had the immense pleasure of working and learning alongside some true experts in their field; doctors, professors, world-leading researchers and experts who, by the strength of their dedication and character, were able to pass on some of their knowledge to their students.”

Jamie Grant,
BA (Hons) Politics

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The study of International Politics equips you with the kinds of intellectual and analytical skills that are attractive to many employers. These include the ability to critically evaluate data and information, a capacity to work independently, effective time management, an ability to organize and solve problems, and a capacity to communicate clearly, both in writing and speech.

Because our graduates have developed these transferable skills they are to be found in commerce and industry, as well as the civil service, journalism, law and teaching – and in politics, of course, in both research and representative capacities.

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS

SQA Highers:

AABB – one sitting

AABBB – two sittings

GCE A-levels:

BBB

IB Diploma:

32

BTEC (Level 3):

DDM

YEAR 2 ENTRY – THREE-YEAR HONOURS

SQA Adv Highers:

ABB

GCE A-levels:

ABB

IB Diploma:

35

Essential subjects:

To include Politics / Government and Politics or Modern Studies.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Scottish HNC/HND:

Minimum entry:

Bs in graded unit.

Advanced entry:

Please consult website for details.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General entry requirements apply. Please visit:
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PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE

TYPICAL TIMETABLE (This is illustrative of a typical timetable)

YEAR	SEMESTER	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1	1	People and Power: Politics of the British Isles	Option	Option
	2	Political Concepts and Ideas	Option	Option
2	3	Introduction to International Politics	Option	Option Module or Study Abroad
	4	Great Political Thinkers	Comparative Politics	Option
3	5	Politics Options	Politics Options	Politics Options
	6	Research Methods in Politics	Politics Options	Politics Options
4	7	International Politics Dissertation	Option	Option
	8	International Politics Dissertation	Option	

OPTIONAL MODULES SEMESTERS 1-4 (subject to change)

Optional modules include topics from: Politics, Philosophy, Social Science, Aquaculture, Sports Studies, Film and Media, History, Law, French, Spanish, Education, Computer Science, Study Skills, Business Studies

OPTIONAL MODULES SEMESTER 5-8 (subject to change)

History of Political Thought, Safer Spaces: Environment in 20th Century Britain, From World War to Cold War: Europe 1944-1989/90, Citizenship, Democracy and Representation, Direct Democracy and Referendums, Political Economy and the Global Environment, Party Systems in Comparative Perspective, Green Politics: Theory and Analysis, Human Rights in International Politics, Understanding Public Policy, Policy and Policymaking in the UK, Problems in International Politics; The European Union in International Politics; Contemporary Issues in the Middle East; World Politics from the Great War to the Contemporary Crisis, The European Union in Times of Crisis, Nations and Nationalism, Feminist Approaches to International Politics

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